

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Allowed Claims

Claims 1-4 are allowed.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

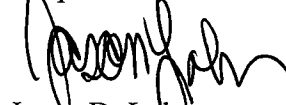
Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2002-109750. Although Applicants do not agree with the rejection, claims 5-6 have been canceled from the present application in order to expedite issuance of the allowed claims. Applicants reserve the right to present the canceled claims in a continuation application. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot and that all pending claims are allowed.

CONCLUSION

All remaining claims have been indicated to be in condition for allowance, and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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